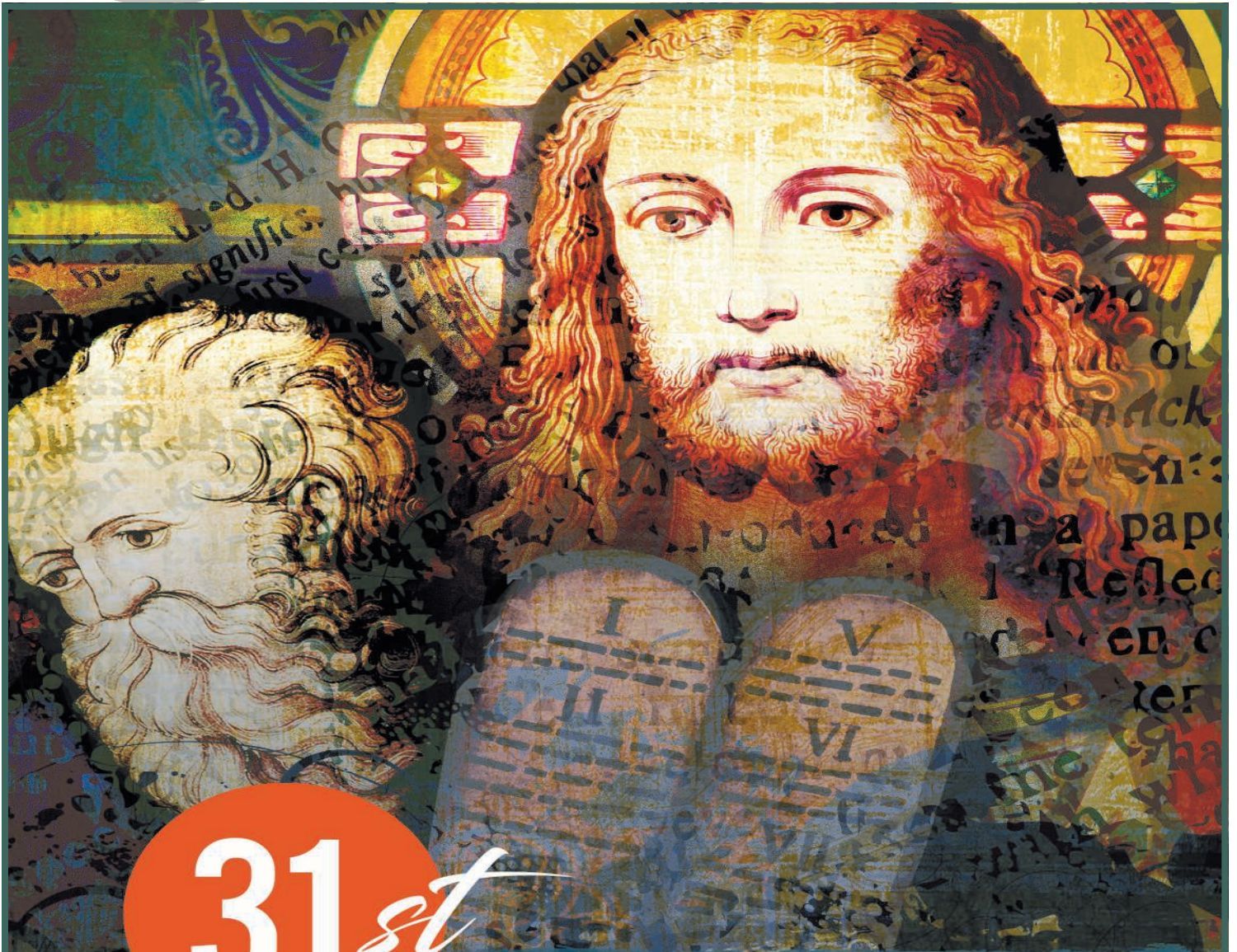




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 5, 2017

Detroit, Michigan



31st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.” - Mt 23:3

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/
Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or
4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions.

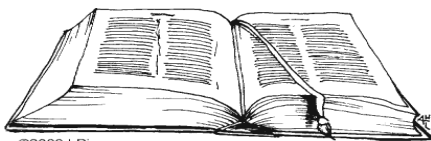
Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status.



But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility.

Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay [ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



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A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience, and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.



November 11, 2017

There are so many veterans in our county now. It used to be that veterans were a small contingency in our communities. It did not take that much effort to care for and, once a year, thank them. Now, however, with so many wars in violent parts of the world, there are more veterans than we can compassionately care for. There are many men and women who come back from the service who are wounded for life, either physically, mentally, or emotionally.

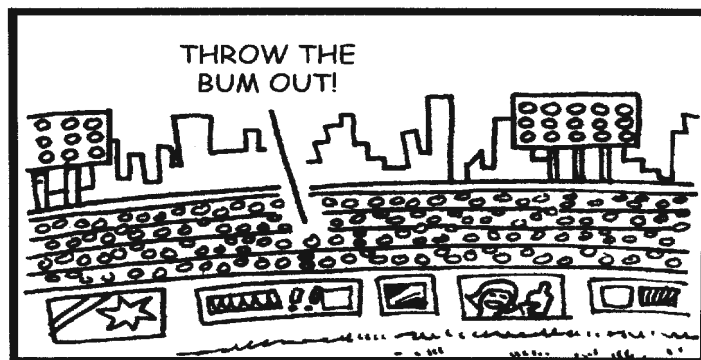
On this Veterans Day, let us remember those who have served our country, but more than remember, let us redouble our efforts to care for those still with us.

Veterans Day Prayer

Dear God,
you have called your people to many walks of life.
Some like St. Francis were called to a life of peace
and others to the life of a soldier and warrior.
David, the Maccabees, Sts. Joan, George and Martin
all were called by you to take up arms
in the service and protection of their citizens.

On this day,
bless those who have given their time, talents,
and in some cases their lives,
to protect our freedoms.
Guide them in their tours of duty.
Comfort the wounded and their families.
Remind us to appreciate their sacrifices. Amen.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, November 5, following 10 am Mass - St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference Meeting, Church Auditorium

Tuesday, November 7, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Sunday, November 12, 9:15 am - Choir Practice with Rick Cucchi, Choir Loft



St. Matthew's Autumn Garage Sale

Many hands made light work as was proven by the number of parishioners and friends who gave time and talent to make this a very successful fundraiser for St. Matthew Parish. The donations kept rolling in all through the weeks up to the sale making for a constant parade of helpers

who were pricing the items and finding places for these new treasures.

The customers arrived in a steady stream from the opening on Friday at 9 a.m. to Sunday's closing at noon. There was much to choose from; lawnmowers, furniture, tools, household goods, clothing, shoes, decorative pieces, and, of course, the St. Matthew sports memorabilia. It appeared that there was something for everyone.

The three-day effort brought in \$5,249.53, which includes generous out-of-pocket donations. We have all these people to thank for giving generously of their time.

Committee Members:

Mary Ann Bolone, Debbie Nieddu, Patricia Camazzola-Godoshian, Mary Jo Arcicovich, and Yvonne Smith

Helpers:

Theresa Zuerblis, Karen Fitzgerald, Geri LaPratt, Phil Smith, Jeff Smith, Beverly Goll, Jennifer Khalifah, Chris Khalifah, Janet Harrington, Bob Lavoy, Lynn Jacob, Mary Ann Chinnici, Barbara Haines, Laurie Streibel, Janet Bielman, Joe Nieddu, Dick Goll, Keith Arcicovich, the Petrylka Family, and Peggy McGinnis.

Again, thank you for all your hard work and to all those who donated items and those who bought items. God bless all of you for supporting St. Matthew Parish.



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Unleash the Gospel - "A Visit to the Upper Room: Embracing the vision for prayer and intercession to *Unleash the Gospel*" sessions will be held across the Archdiocese of Detroit through January 2018, thanks to gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

These two-hour sessions are designed to support pastors and their leadership teams in their mission to implement Action Step 2.2.4 of Archbishop Vigneron's pastoral letter on the New Evangelization. The goal is to assist with linking together the pastoral letter's vision, intercession, and each parish's mission to help empower intercessory prayer teams.

November's schedule includes St. Thecla Parish, Clinton Township, on November 9; St. Mary Parish, Monroe, on November 11; SS Peter and Paul, North Branch, on November 13; and St. Francis of Assisi-St. Hedwig Parish (St. Hedwig site), Detroit, on November 28.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

Each year, more than 20,000 people receive hope through the services and programs of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM). This social justice arm of the Archdiocese of Detroit works to bring the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to those in need, regardless of their race or religion, culture or creed.

In two weeks, our parish will take up a special collection for CCSEM. Please prayerfully consider contributing to help CCSEM care for the most vulnerable among us.

Daylight Savings Ends

A Reminder to Set Your Clocks Back One Hour and Replace Your Smoke Alarm Batteries.

Be Safe!

Don't forget to sell your Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Tickets. Returns are coming in, and tickets are being requested. However, it is what you do that is the most important thing. The drawing is on Sunday, December 3, at noon in the Church auditorium.

In addition to the drawing of the winning tickets, a catered breakfast will be provided by Majestic Café. And there will be other sur"prizes" to add to the fun! Mark your calendars!

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Noon ~ 1:00 PM
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Dennis Costello ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*
Dan McBride ~ *St. Vincent de Paul / Christian Service*

WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Regina Butler
Kurt Beghuyn
Rose Colombo
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Saturday, November 11, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Dorothy Brooks
Beverly Goll
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu
Greg Redman
Kristen Stark

William Zuerblis

Lauren Gross
Mary Pocius
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 4th - Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary

Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Frank and Adele Martinelli, David Pizzimenti

Sunday, November 5th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Laura Ridella, Ofelia Vivo, Walter and Esther Wilk, Ann Laige

Monday, November 6th -

Tuesday, November 7th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry,

Wednesday, November 8th -

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Thursday, November 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday, November 10th - St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Saturday, November 11th - Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush-Terry

Sunday, November 12th - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Laura Bush-Terry, Judy Stark, Lincoln Chrysler, The Babasz Family, John "Moose" Strehler

Prayer for FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Gracious and loving God,
let your Spirit be with us today.
Hear our prayers,
and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us to draw on the resources of our faith
as we use the opportunities of our democracy
to shape a society more respectful
of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person,
especially the poor and vulnerable.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.



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